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## HEN LAYS 10 EGGS PER DAY

**CHICKEN FANCIER OF FORT WORTH, TEX., VOUCHES FOR TRUTH OF STORY AND TELLS HOW HE KNOWS.**

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 15.—The famous New York hen that laid 130 eggs between December 3 and February 11 and is even said to have laid twelve in one day, will soon have to look to her laurels. A Riverside hen just a plain ordinary Wyandotte, will, according to her owner, soon make the New Yorker look like the proverbial 30 cents.

L. E. Hardesty is the owner of the hen and, according to his story, the hen started her egg-laying record with ten in one day. For fear that some who still cling to the belief that one egg a day is a hen's limit, Mr. Hardesty gives a few details.

There is a small net wire pen on Mr Hardesty's property. The pen has not been occupied and there is only one place through which a hen could enter. That is through an opening in the top, not more than

a foot square. If the hen should walk on top of the pen and should enter through the small opening there would not be a chance in a thousand that she could fly out through the opening. The floor of the pen is bare.

When Mrs. Hardesty was gathering up the eggs the other afternoon she saw the Wyandotte in the pen and went to release her. She was surprised, not to say startled, when she found ten eggs on the floor of the pen. The eggs could not have been laid previous to that day, for if they had they would have been frozen. The eggs were all in good condition and were exactly alike in form, size and color. A careful examination of the pen was made to see if it were not possible that other hens had entered.

Mr. Hardesty, who is connected with the Southwestern Telephone Company, is a chicken fancier of large experience and success.

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## WILL DIG FOR HIDDEN GOLD

**NEW YORK MAN WILL PUSH QUEST FOR TREASURE BURIED IN NOVA SCOTIA.**

NEW YORK, April 15. — "Ten feet below, £2,000,000 lie buried." This inscription, said to have been found years ago upon a stone dug from a depth of 100 feet out of a hole on Oak Island, in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia is the target that has attracted H. L. Bowdoin of this city, and caused him to sign a contract with the owners of the island, under which he will literally tear up the earth there next May in quest of the hidden fortune.

Oak Island it is said, was once the rendezvous for Captain Kidd and his band of pirates, and that his ship, the Adventurer, often came to

anchor in Mahone Bay, where the spoils of the Scottish marauder's raids were landed and buried.

Mr. Bowdoin is a hydraulic and mechanical engineer, and he says that with modern apparatus he can dig to the bottom of the hole and find any treasure that may be hidden there.

## MOTHER CAT ADOPTS BABY RAT

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 15. — A Maltese cat owned by James Worthing of Buffalo village, has added a half-grown rat to its family of five kittens. Several days ago four young rats caught alive were given to her.

She killed all but one, which she adopted. The rat made no effort to get away. It is cared for and fed the same as kittens.

## MISSING MILL HAND LEFT FOR PORTLAND

**Mysterious Absence of J. W. Barnett Explained After Some Search—Left Goods at Room Here.**

C. A. Barnett, a C. A. Smith mill hand, who suddenly disappeared from his rooming place over the Brewery Saloon, was located yesterday afternoon by Marshal Carter after a short search. Fritz Wimmer, Barnett's roommate, and other friends became alarmed when he did not show up and feared that might possibly be the victim of foul play or an accident. Barnett did not take his extra clothing and other belongings from the room.

After some search, Marshal Carter found that Barnett had left with

a couple of other fellows for Portland, being taken down to the steamship a few weeks ago by Ed. Lapp. Barnett was a young fellow and probably didn't think that his hasty departure would cause any uneasiness.

Barnett was a Myrtle Point boy and his brother, J. W. Barnett of that place, came to Marshfield Tuesday and at once instituted an active search which resulted in disclosing the above facts.

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